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H. R. 2114

To establish a Medicare administrative fee for submission of paper claims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

To establish a Medicare administrative fee for submission of paper claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Paperless Claims Promotion Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPER CLAIMS.

(a) IMPOSITION OF FEE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services shall establish (in the form of a separate
2 fee or reduction of payment otherwise made under the
3 medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security
4 Act) an administrative fee of $1 for the submission of a
5 claim in a paper or non-electronic form for items or serv-
6 ices for which payment is sought under such title.

7 (b) EXCEPTION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary—

8 (1) shall waive the imposition of a fee under
9 subsection (a) in cases in which there is no method
10 available for the submission of claims other than in
11 a written form; and

12 (2) may waive the imposition of such a fee in
13 such unusual cases as the Secretary finds appro-
14 priate.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) applies to
16 claims submitted on or after January 1, 2000.

17 (d) The Secretary shall make available at no charge,
18 public domain software to facilitate the filing of electronic
19 forms and claims under title XVIII and XIX of the Social
20 Security Act.

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